

### III. REMARKS

1. Claims 1-26 remain in the application. Claims 1, 5, 14, 21, and 23 have been amended.

2. Claims 1-26 are not anticipated by Murai (US 5,592,307).

2.1 Murai fails to disclose or suggest that a first portion, or at least a portion, of the second image transfer menu is stored in the computer, as recited by claims 1 and 5.

Applicants reiterate that while the Final Office Action refers to column 10, lines 9-21 and column 18, lines 14-26 of Murai as disclosing this feature, Applicants maintain that Column 10, lines 9-21 discusses setting fax resolution levels based on PC display resolution, and that there is no disclosure related to storing a portion of the second type of menu in the computer. Column 18, lines 14-26 discusses displaying image pads corresponding to five functions and selecting them using a mouse.

Applicants submit that in Murai, all display data for the facsimile machine is stored within the facsimile machine itself. In column 65, line 59 through column 66, line 7, in one embodiment, Fax 2 is described as displaying all output modes regardless of whether interface box 6 is connected or not. This section then states that Fax 2 may be adapted such that some modes may not be displayed when interface box 6 is not connected.

In describing a routine for controlling Fax 2 in this fashion, column 66, lines 10-12 explicitly state: "Mode headings

representing functions that the FAX 2 can execute are pre-stored in the ROM 204."

Column 66, lines 12-50 go on to describe how every mode heading is retrieved regardless of whether interface box 6 is connected or not, and once retrieved are either displayed or not depending on the interface box connection.

Thus, not only is there no disclosure related to storing mode headings in the computer, Murai explicitly teaches that all the mode headings are stored in ROM 204 of Fax 2.

The Advisory Action quotes column 67, lines 41-59, column 67, line 60 through column 68, line 7, and column 69, lines 13-37, and concludes that "when the computer is connected to the fax machine, at least a portion of the second image transfer menu is stored in the computer since the display modes display information relating to or associating with the computer conditions."

Applicants respectfully disagree. Column 67, lines 41-59, simply discloses that when the computer cannot receive facsimile data that modes associated with the computer are not displayed. Column 67, line 60 through column 68, line 7 describes different ways of displaying output modes on the fax display. Column 69, lines 13-37 describe modes of operation and display related to whether a computer is connected or has power. There is no disclosure, suggestion, or even a hint of storing at least a portion of the second image transfer menu in the computer.

At least for this reason, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 5 are not anticipated by Murai. Claims 2-4 and 6-13 depend from claims 1 or 5 and therefore are also not anticipated by Murai.

Claims 19 and 21 are directed to similar subject matter and therefore claims 19-22 are also not anticipated by Murai.

2.2 Murai fails to disclose or suggest a transfer device that receives instructions from the computer that program the device to load the second one of the menus, as recited by claims 14 and 23.

There is no disclosure in Murai related to sending instructions from the computer that program the fax to load a second menu.

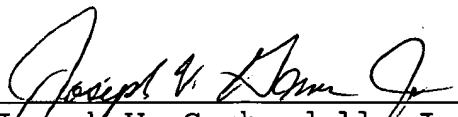
As stated above, the operation of the fax 2 in Murai is remarkably different from the present invention. Column 66, lines 12-50, mentioned above describe how as mode key 174 is pressed, CPU 200 retrieves every mode from ROM 204 in turn regardless of a computer connection and then makes a decision to display the mode or to retrieve the next mode depending on whether a computer is connected. There is no disclosure related to receiving instructions from the computer that program an image transfer device to load a second menu.

At least for these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 14 and 23, and dependent claims 15-18 and 24-26 are not anticipated by Murai.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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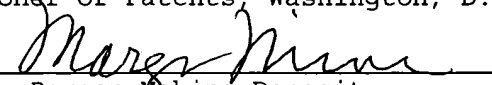
  
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